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Privatisation of Vizag Steel Plant

*703. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to privatise the Vizag Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is falling behind the target of annual steel production due to lacks of funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have formulated any plan for raising funds through various sources to increase its production capacity; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a). No, Sir.

(b). Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Most of the units of Stage-I of the Project were commissioned, sequentially, during 1990-91 and these are still in the process of stabilisation. This was the main reason for a slight shortfall in achieving the annual production target in 1990-91. The position is expected to improve in 1991-92.

(e) and (f). Various means of raising resources to complete the project are under consideration of the Government, which include, budgetary support, extra budgetary resources and also funds from the capital market.

[*Translation*]

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Recommendation of the Sub-Committee of the Committee of Parliament on official language

*704. SHRI MOTI LAL SINGH:
SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to implement the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language after conducting inspection of various Departments;

(b) the reasons for not implementing the recommendations made by the first such Sub-Committee after conducting inspection of the then Irrigation and Power Ministry and Water Commission; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c). Section 4 of the Official Languages Act, 1963 provides for the review of the progress made in the use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union by a Committee on Official Language consisting of thirty Members of Parliament. The procedure followed by the Committee for discharging its functions comprises (i) inspection of Ministries/ Departments and their attached/ subordinate offices, public sector undertakings etc. of the Central Government; (ii) circulating a questionnaire for obtaining information/views/suggestions from offices in (i) above; and (iii) obtaining the opinion of eminent persons working in different fields through oral evidence. The Committee has constituted three sub-committees from amongst its members for undertaking inspections. The Parliamentary Committee submits its Re-

ports to the President with its recommendations after taking into account, *inter alia*, the inspection reports of its Sub-Committees. These Reports are placed before the two Houses of Parliament and are also sent to the State Governments. The recommendations of the Sub-Committees are made to the Parliamentary Committee and which submits recommendations to the President in its Reports.

The Parliamentary Committee on Official Language has, so far, submitted its reports in four parts to the President and these have also been laid before the two Houses of Parliament. The fourth part of its report pertains to the progress made in the use of Hindi in the Central Government offices and Undertakings. This part also includes a statement on the position regarding the progress in the use of Hindi in the Ministry of Water Resources, Central Water Commission and Department of Power. While the directions of the President on Part I and II of the Committee's report, after considering the views of the State Governments thereon, have been issued. Views of the State Governments on Part III of the Report have been obtained and the directions of the President thereon are being issued. Views of the State Governments on Part IV of the Report are being obtained.

[*English*]

61 **Shortage of Milk in Delhi**

*705. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stoppage of milk supply by the Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies in neighbouring States to D.M.S. and Mother Diary has resulted in shortage of milk in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resume normal supply of milk in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c). There was no stoppage of milk supply by Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies from neighbouring States to Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Diary. During the period April-August, 1991, the quantity of milk supplied to D.M.S. and Mother Diary was less than during the same period last year. However, the level of the total sale of milk by Mother Diary and D.M.S. in Delhi was maintained.

62 **Expansion of Hindustan Copper Limited, Khetri.**

*706.SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to expand the Hindustan Copper Limited at Khetri;

(b) if so, the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) whether any new copper deposits have also been discovered in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any plan/target has been fixed for production of copper in future ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a). Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) have proposed the expansion of the smelting and refining capacity at its Khetri Copper Complex (KCC), Rajasthan from the present level of 31,000 tonnes per